

TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



'Eddie's White Wonder' Dogwood
Cornus 'Eddie's White Wonder'

This species of dogwood is a hybrid of *Cornus florida* (Flowering Dogwood) and *Cornus nuttallii* (Pacific Dogwood). It is a deciduous tree, with broadly elliptic leaves with abruptly pointed tips. The flowers are small and greenish, numerous, borne in dense, hemispherical clusters, each cluster surrounded by four white or slightly pink-tinged bracts. The flowers emerge in late spring at the same time as young leaves. The 'Eddie's White Wonder' dogwood is broadly conical and grows to around 40 feet.

Picture courtesy of "Trees" by Allen J. Coombes. Published by DK Publishing.

Water Conservation Tip

Verify that your home is leak free. Many homes have hidden water leaks. Read your meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.



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Natural Resources

Notice anything different with the TreeLink? We are excited to present a new format for our monthly bulletin. By removing the envelope, we are saving paper and reducing mailing costs. If you have any comments about our new format, feel free to call the Urban Forestry Program at 1-800-523-8733 or email urban_forestry@wadnr.gov. -Sarah

Trees, People and the Law

The National Arbor Day Foundation (NADF) is holding a seminar on Trees, People, and the Law in Beaverton, Oregon, on October 16, 2001. This comprehensive, full-day seminar featuring Victor Merullo, attorney and author of "Arboriculture and the Law", opens with an introduction to basic legal concepts, followed by an examination of the important issues regarding trees and the law. Topics will include: history of law, law of trees, negligence and nuisance trees, current legal trends, ordinances, utility issues, and more. Registration is \$125 per person and includes all seminar materials, a networking lunch and refreshment breaks. Register by phone at 1-888-448-7337, by mail or online at www.arboday.org. For more information contact National Arbor Day Conference Services at (402) 474-5655, or e-mail the NADF at conferences@arboday.org. Information and registration materials are also available by calling the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

2001 Tree City USA Forum

The 2001 Tree City USA Forum is coming soon. The City of Olympia and the Olympia Tree Commission are hosting the forum on Wednesday, September 12, 2001. All Tree City USA's are invited to participate as this is a great opportunity to meet other Tree City USA participants and learn about programs around the Washington. Additional information will be sent in July. For those of you that are not Tree Cities yet...the four criteria include: establish a tree board or commission, write and pass a tree ordinance, document a \$2 per capita expenditure on tree-related matters, and celebrate Arbor Day. For more information on the Tree City USA Forum or the Tree City USA Program, call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

Yakima Community Forestry Field Day

The Washington Department of Natural Resources Urban and Community Forestry Program and the Yakima Area Arboretum are holding a Community Forestry Field Day on October 13, 2001. This event is free to the public and will be held at the Yakima Area Arboretum. You are invited to come visit the Arboretum and learn how to properly plant and care for trees in your yard and your community. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m., and the event will finish by 3 p.m. For more information or to register for the event, please call Sarah Foster at 1-800-523-TREE.

Two Habitat/Water Quality Grant Programs Available

WaterWorks serves communities in the Urban Growth Area of King County and South Snohomish County (except for incorporated areas south of Seattle with watersheds draining into Puget Sound). The Rural Community Partnership Grant serves rural areas of the Green River watershed (east of Auburn), and the Cedar River watershed (east of Maple Valley, the Snohomish, the Skykomish). Vashon Island is served by both grant programs. The deadline for both grants is August 15, 2001, for requests up to \$50,000. There are no deadlines for requests up to \$5,000. To qualify, proposals must meet the following criteria: protect or improve water quality, foster community stewardship around the protection of water quality, develop lasting partnerships, leverage resources, ensure the long-term legacy in the protection of a water resource. Applications can be downloaded as follows: WaterWorks Web site: <http://splash.metrokc.gov/wlr/waterres/wsf/wsfinfo.htm>, Rural Community Partnership Grant Program website: <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/waterres/wsf/RDP.htm>. For additional information, contact Ken Pritchard at (206) 296-8265.

Grant Writing Workshops

The Urban and Community Forestry Program will be hosting four regional grant writing workshops. The first will be held October 9, 2001, in Spokane, the second on October 17, in Yakima. The third workshop will be October 23, in Mount Vernon, and the final workshop will be October 24, in Puyallup. These half-day workshops will cover topics such as deciding on a project to apply for, describing projects in a compelling manner, working out budgets, and administering money once the grant is awarded. For more details and **to register**, call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE. Space is limited, register early.

Partnership Enhancement Monetary Grant Program

Partnership Enhancement Monetary Grant Program (PEP) provides monetary grants to local tree-planting organizations that support volunteer tree-planting and education efforts throughout the United States. To date the National Tree Trust has provided more than \$2.1 million in grants through PEP. Applying organizations must have the following requirements: Currently certified as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit; volunteer-based; existed for at least two years; and demonstrate that tree planting and maintenance, and public education about trees are major components of the organization. The 2002 PEP application and more information are available at <http://www.nationaltreetrust.org/PEP/New%20PEP%20page.htm> or you may contact Sherita Alai, PEP Program Director at 800-846-8733 x 26 to receive an application via mail. The application deadline for 2002 funding is October 1st, 2001.

In the works
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TRIVIA: What percentage of urban watersheds in the south Puget Sound area of Washington are covered with hard surfaces?
(answer is upside down below)

“I like trees because they seem more resigned to the way they have to live than other things do.”

- Willa Cather

Picks and Shovels

The Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is made possible with assistance from the USDA Forest Service. The program’s purpose is to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington State.

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Assistance for Eastern Washington Communities

If your community has been wanting an urban forestry consultant to assess your city or town’s community forest or provide community forestry technical assistance, your wait is over. The Urban and Community Forestry (U&CF) Program has expanded our ability to provide technical assistance and education to eastern Washington communities. To take advantage of this incredible opportunity, place a request on the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733. Call now to see if your community qualifies.

2001: A Tree Odyssey

The 22nd Annual PNW-ISA Training Conference is coming soon! Mark your calendar now for the annual conference...a great program, good food, old friends...an event you won’t want to miss. The conference is September 23-26, at the Harrison Hot Springs Resort in British Columbia. Featured speakers include Dr. Claus Mattheck; Dr. Kim Coder of the University of Georgia; Brian Minter, BC TV gardening personality; and Dr. Ed Gilman of the University of Florida. Look for more information in the next issue of “Pacific Northwest Trees.” For more information, contact the PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263 or by email at info@pnwisa.org.

Dogwoods for American Gardens. The University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service has created a publication on dogwoods, developed with a grant from the National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council and the USDA Forest Service. Dogwood trees are one of the most planted small trees in urban and rural landscapes, and this publication is one of the most definitive and comprehensive documents available on their selection, care and maintenance. Copies are available for loan from the Urban and Community Forestry Program. Additional copies are available from the University of Tennessee. The publication will soon be available on their website at www.utextension.utk.edu/publication/forestry.html.

Planting and After Care of Community Trees. This publication was created by Penn State University and has helpful tips in the planting and care of trees in urban areas. This booklet has a lot of information and is in an easy to read format that includes a lot of graphics. If you would like a copy of this booklet, please contact Penn State University Publications Distribution Center at (814) 865-6713. A limited number are also available by calling the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

Fire-Resistant Plants for Oregon Home Landscapes. The Oregon State University Extension Service has published this four page guide on making home landscapes fire safe. It was written by Steven Fitzgerald and Amy Joe Waldo, and is available via email. The guide includes an extensive species list to help homeowners plant landscapes that will resist fire. To receive a copy of this publication, please call the Urban and Community Forestry Program at 1-800-523-TREE or send an email request to urban_forestry@wadnr.gov.

On the Horizon

August		October	
8	Washington Community Forestry Council meeting in Wenatchee. Call the TreeLink Hotline for details.	9	Grant Writing Workshop, Spokane. Call the TreeLink Hotline.
12-15	International Society of Arboriculture Conference and Trade Show, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Call 1-800-523-TREE for information.	10	WCFC Meeting, Deer Park. Call 1-800-523-TREE for information.
September		13	Community Forestry Field Day, Yakima Area Arboretum. Call the TreeLink Hotline for details.
5-8	2001 National Urban Forest Conference, Washington, DC. Contact American Forests at (304) 345-7578.	16	Trees, People, and the Law Regional Conference, Beaverton, Oregon. Contact the National Arbor Day Foundation Conference Services at 1-888-448-7337.
12	2001 Tree City USA Forum, Olympia. Call the TreeLink Hotline for details.	17	Grant Writing Workshop, Yakima. Call the TreeLink Hotline.
23-36	PNW-ISA Training Conference, Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia. Call (503) 874-8263 for details.	23	Grant Writing Workshop, Mount Vernon.
		24	Grant Writing Workshop, Puyallup.



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